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## Faculty Members Have Spent 2,100 Years in School

How would you like to spend 2,100 years in school? That is the aggregate number of years which members of the faculty of the College have spent in preparation and training for their work. This number is significant in comparison with the 312 years of study represented by the 41 faculty members of 1913.

Twenty-five years ago Dr. William A. Brandenburg became president of the State Manual Training Normal School, the original name of the College. The teaching staff consisted of 41 members. In 1913 Dr. O. P. Dellinger, who is still a member of the faculty and head of the department of biological sciences and chairman of the graduate council, possessed the only Ph. D. degree. Today, 32 have Ph. D. degrees or their equivalent.

In comparison with five who held a master's degree at that time, there are now 73 with this degree or its equivalent.

The list of colleges and universities which have granted these degrees reveals the wide range of scholastic interests of the faculty. More than 60 outstanding institutions located in 21 states are represented here. Moreover, several faculty members have studied in universities of other countries such as England, France, Germany, Russia, Switzerland, and Italy.

In addition, many have published articles, pamphlets, and books, some of which are used as textbooks. Finally, four percent of the faculty each year take advantage of one of the most valuable opportunities for improvement, the sabbatical leave of absence granted after six years of service to the institution. During this period one may devote his time to study, travel, or rest on half salary. Thus the academic standing of the faculty is maintained and improved.

President Brandenburg stated recently that the faculty of Kansas State Teachers College of Pittsburg has a rating comparable to that of the highest-rating faculties of other institutions. This rating is based upon degrees held and upon outstanding contributions made to education.

### INTO ATHLETICS.

Many arguments have ensued in recent years about the date the College, then the Normal, entered into strict college athletics.

In 1913 the school athletic teams consisted entirely of college players, the high school department having teams of its own.

This is according to school records and is not supported by further investigation which might show star high school players were used now and then. Such action is considered possible since the schedules then included competition with high school teams.

### CLASS OF 1913.

The graduation class of 1913: Glenn Seymour Skinner, Lena Martin, Harry H. Aldendick, Ella Wychoff Chapman, Mabel Ranney Wheeler (deceased), Maude Catherine Peake, Ruth Atkinson Rodman, Charles R. Davis, Sister M. Sebastian, Lulu McPherson, J. Henry Meyer, Margaret Coventry and J. A. Ferguson (deceased).

### "13" PROMINENT.

The number thirteen ranks prominently in the history of the College. There were thirteen members of the first degree class which was graduated in 1913. Still thinking in terms of thirteen one may note W. A. Brandenburg contains thirteen letters, Kansas State Teachers College contains 26 letters or twice thirteen, the next building on the campus will be the thirteenth, the names of Edward M. Howell and his successor, Charles Morgan, contain thirteen letters each.

Other notables eligible for the 13-letter class are Belle Frovorse, William Bawden, Walter S. Lyeria, Bertha Spencer, George Ruggles, Ernest Bennett, Minnie A. Conley, E. E. Stonecipher, Elmina E. Graham, Dora Robertson, Edna Powell

Day, Mary Karpinski, Lulu McPherson, Cecelia Ensman, E. Louise Gibson, Annie Marriott, George E. Braley, Charles Wasser, Maralea Arnett, Anise Sandford, S. L. Householder, Algatha Knotts, Jennie C. Walker, Claude Newcomb, Irma Gene Nevins, Marion Whitney, Gladys E. Walker and Carmel Ledford.

Hardly seems possible, but 26 (two times thirteen) of the

above are on the teaching staff.

### EARLY ATHLETE.

Dr. J. Ralph Wells was a high school senior when the first graduating class of the College was preparing to enter the workaday world. He was awarded "M" letters in both basketball and football, playing center position in both sports. As a discus thrower in track he established a record in the same year. In 1919 he became an instructor in biology, was elevated to assistant professor in 1921, became associate professor in 1924 and full professor in 1928.

### VETERAN.

Miss Annie Marriott, director of the College cafeteria, was a junior in 1913. She served as instructor from 1914 to 1929, associate professor from 1930 to 1931 and professor of home economics and cafeteria director since 1932.